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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Ruppert et al.

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For: LOW FLOOR DRIVE UNIT ASSEMBLY FOR AN  
ELECTRICALLY DRIVEN VEHICLE

Docket No.: 60,130-1004 (96AUT013)

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 5, 2004, applicant requests consideration of the following arguments.

Claims 23-31, 33-41, 43-46, 48-55, and 57-58 remain in the application including independent claims 23, 28, 29, 37, 40, 41, 48, 51, and 57. Claims 32, 42, 47, and 56 have been cancelled. Claims 28-31, 33-35, 37, 40-41, 43-46, 48-55, and 57-58 are allowed. Thus, this leaves claims 23-27, 36, 38, and 39 as the only rejected claims.

Claims 23, 24, 26, 27, 36, and 39 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Anglada (US 1543044) in view of Varela (US 5435793). The examiner admits that Anglada fails to teach first and second planetary gear sets located in the respective